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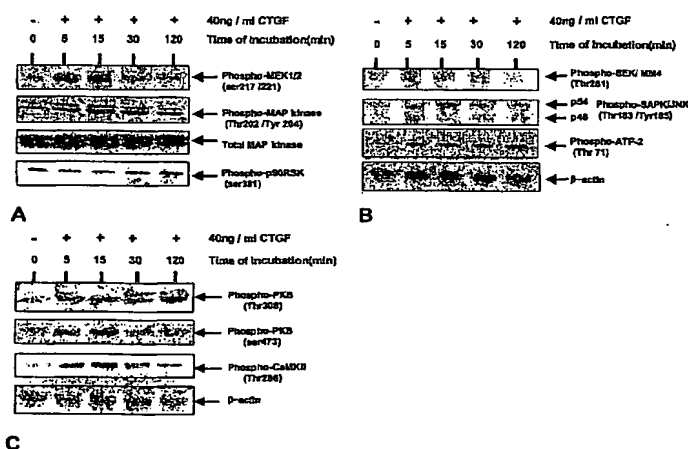
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method for identifying and/or making compounds for use in reducing and/or preventing fibrosis, comprising the steps: providing a CTGF receptor; providing a test sample; providing a CTGF receptor agonist; exposing the CTGF receptor to the test sample; subsequently or simultaneously exposing the CTGF receptor to the CTGF receptor agonist; detecting and/or measuring the amount of CTGF receptor activation; comparing the amount of CTGF receptor activation detected and/or measured in the presence of the test sample with the amount of CTGF receptor activation detected and/or measured in the absence of a test sample; determining if a compound reduces and/or prevents fibrosis on the basis that it causes no increase or a decrease in CTGF receptor activation. There is also provided compounds for reducing and/or preventing fibrosis and uses of such compounds.



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